

U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/910,271
Amendment Dated November 26, 2003
Reply to Office Action of July 28, 2003
Docket No. BOC9-2000-0060 (195)

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

These remarks are made in response to the Office Action of July 28, 2003 (Office Action). This response is filed with a petition for a one-month retro-active extension of time and appropriate fee.

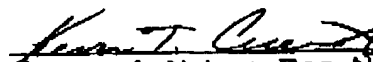
In paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0076025 to Liversidge, *et al.* (Liversidge). In response to the rejections on the art, the Applicants have enclosed an affidavit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 supporting the removal of Liversidge. The affidavit is accompanied by a copy of the Applicants' confidential invention disclosure entitled "E-Mail Client With 'Set-up a Voice/Phone Conference' Feature." The confidential invention disclosure and affidavit demonstrate proof of conception for the claimed subject matter of the Applicants' invention at least as early as June 7, 2000, which predates the effective date of Liversidge. The Applicants further exercised due diligence from prior to the effective date of Liversidge until July 19, 2001, the filing date of the instant application. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection with respect to claims 1-37 is respectfully requested.

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The Applicant believes that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. The Applicant requests that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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